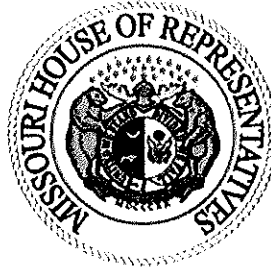


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Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Letter of Support for Kansas City Post Acute – 70 Skilled Care Facility (#5374)

Dear Ms. Houchins:

As the State Representative for the 18th District, I fully support the Certificate of Need request currently under review for the Kansas City Post Acute project #5374 NS, by the Department of Health and Senior Services. The population of senior citizens in Clay County has grown increasingly over the past several years and is expected to continue to grow.

I am enthusiastic about the Kansas City Post Acute project which will establish a 70-bed, all private room, care skilled nursing facility in my district. I believe that a facility of this type will help to fill a growing need for senior citizens and health care placement needs in our community. I also believe that this undertaking will help to beautify the surrounding neighborhood and improve the overall health care services provided to the area residents of Kansas City and Clay County.

This project will have a positive impact on both social and economic development by creating new jobs in the areas of construction, skilled nursing care, administration, food services, activities, laundry, housekeeping, social services, and maintenance.

It is estimated that this project will create approximately 350 full-time construction jobs and will eventually result in over 120 full-time healthcare related jobs.

I ask that you support and approve this worthwhile healthcare project for the residents of the City of Kansas City, Clay County and the surrounding service areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Arthur".

Representative Lauren Arthur